



# Cripley Meadow Allotment Association

Chair: Wendy Skinner Smith

Vice Chair: Alex Hollingsworth,

Secretary: Claire Pike

Treasurer: Sara Jones

Committee members:

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Sarah Edwards, Emma Delap, Keith Holton

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Dear Member,

You are invited to the Annual General Meeting of the Cripley Meadow Allotment Association on **Monday March 14 at 7pm in St Barnabas School, Hart Street, Jericho**. Members of the committee will be there from **6pm to 7pm** for you to pay your subscription and answer any questions. Wine, soft drinks and nibbles will be available from 6pm. The AGM will start at 7pm.

Included with this letter are your invoice for 2016 and the agenda for the meeting. Last year the AGM voted unanimously for a 50% increase to our subscription. At the time we noted that the average cost of a 10 pole plot in Bath, Bristol, Brighton, Enfield, Hounslow, Richmond upon Thames, Swindon and York was £80.62! Our key deposit and working party commitment remain the same. Please note where a plot is shared the invoice is only sent to the nominated person but all key holding members have working party commitments so this is reflected in the invoice. Please make sure you let any plot partners know. Subscriptions are due on March 1<sup>st</sup>.

We use email to send the AGM minutes, Annual Report, Accounts and draft Budget. The draft AGM 2015 minutes have been on the web site and notice board since April 2015. If anyone cannot access the material please let our secretary, Claire know (contact details above). Please read and print only if you want to bring a copy for the meeting. We aim, as usual, to have the material on screen so we only print a few additional copies.

The AGM receives reports and accounts from 2015 and the officers/trustees and committee for the year beginning March 2016 are elected. The present officers and members of the committee standing for re-election will be at the meeting. If you have some time for voluntary work and wish to be nominated please let us know. To make a nomination or to propose an item for the agenda please send details, with your name, address and signature along with that of a seconder, to our secretary, Claire (contact details above). Nominations can be made at the meeting. Please note that items can only be put to the membership for voting if members have been notified in advance and our paperwork goes out in early February.

Our local councillor **Susanna Pressel** will attend. **Andy Howard** will be with us from 6pm selling and delivering fruit tree/bush orders. **Andy will give a talk on pruning fruit trees after the AGM business is completed, at about 8 pm.**

We have again volunteered for **OXCLEAN** when Oxford City Council provides refuse bags for us to clear the areas adjacent to the allotment site. This will be from **10.30 to 12.30 am Saturday 5th March**. Volunteering on this morning will be credited against your 2015 working party time commitment.

Most members reported 2015 to be another year of good crops and we hope you all got plenty of fresh local food, healthy exercise and contact with the land and seasons. Do come to the AGM and ensure we sustain Cripley Meadow as a thriving site. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Yours sincerely,

Wendy Skinner Smith  
Chair, Cripley Meadow Allotment Association Committee

**Cripley Meadow Allotment Association**  
**Annual General Meeting**  
**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2016 at 7pm**  
**St Barnabas School Hall**  
**Hart Street,**  
**Oxford OX2 6BN**

(6pm-7pm for paying subscriptions; see your invoice for other ways to pay)

Drinks and nibbles will be available from 6pm when there will be a slide show of photos.

**Andy Howard of The Heritage Fruit Tree Company will give a talk on pruning fruit trees at about 8 pm. As usual he will be at St Barnabas from 6pm delivering orders and selling.**

**Agenda**

1. Introduction by Chair. Farewell to Tony Clear 5 minutes
2. Apologies for absence and Minutes of the Annual General Meeting in March 2015 and Matters Arising 5 minutes
3. Annual Accounts. Report from Treasurer 5 minutes
4. Questions on 2015/6 Annual Report 5 minutes
5. Welcome from Susanna Pressel and Election of Officers and Committee Members 5 minutes
6. **2016 nominations: We have received nominations and seconds for** Wendy Skinner Smith (Chair), Alex Hollingsworth (Vice Chair), Claire Pike (Secretary), Sara Jones (Treasurer) with continuing Committee members Jeremy Hyde, Richard Haigh, Jamie Forbes, Annalisa Cecchi, Sarah Edwards, Keith Holton and Emma Delap. Tony Clear is standing down. Anna Benn, Plot 144 and Emilie Clauzier, Plot 97, have been nominated and seconded to stand as a new committee members for 2016. Both these nominations widen the distribution of committee members across the site. Anna joined as a member in October 2014 and has worked with Bel and Miranda in transforming the organisation and productivity of plots 144 and 145. They won a Highly Commended Certificate in the 2015 city allotment competition. Emilie worked similar wonders on transforming Plot 97 and, with Killian, came second in the Under 30's allotment competition. Claire is standing as secretary in order to train a new person in post. She will not be available for the whole year. If you think you could help with this work please contact Wendy asap.
7. **AGM ITEMS**
  - AGM item 1** Badger proofing fence progress (P4) 5 minutes
  - AGM Item 2 Castle Mill update (P4) 5 minutes
  - AGM Item EA proposed flood channel (P3) 5 minutes
8. **Any other business** Please note that items can only be put to the membership for voting if they have been notified in advance. We send out paperwork in early February so let us know if there are items you wish to discuss or consider for voting.

**From about 8pm Talk on Pruning Fruit Trees** by Andy Howard of The Heritage Fruit Tree Co ([www.heritagefruittrees.co.uk](http://www.heritagefruittrees.co.uk))

Our booking closes at 9.00pm